

Old Saybrook Board of Education  
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met in Special Session on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at the Old Saybrook Board of Education Office, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

**Board Members**

Tara Barros  
Jim Henderson  
Eileen Baker  
Alan Hyla  
George Chang  
Cindy Sultini  
Karen Brodeur

**Others**

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools  
Kathy Bai, Director of Pupil and Professional Services  
Amity Goss, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment  
Krista Bauchman, Old Saybrook Middle School Principal  
Matt Walton, Old Saybrook Middle School Associate Principal

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Barros called the meeting to order at 6:18PM.

**II. EDUCATION ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Demographics – Potential Grade 4 Transition

At their meeting on February 28, 2019, the Board of Education received a presentation from the Ad Hoc Demographics Sub-Committee regarding the progress made towards achieving short term goals that were outlined in the presentation given to the Board on November 13, 2018. Specifically, the Committee discussed the efforts made regarding the potential restructuring of grades to retain Grade 4 at Kathleen E. Goodwin School, the research conducted to support any decisions and the methods used to include all community stakeholders in the process. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board determined that they would be ready to hold final discussions at the Special Meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> and a decision would be made at that time.

Superintendent Perruccio, Dr. Bauchman, and Mr. Walton put together a plan of what the impact for Grade 5 would be with moving Grade 4 to Kathleen E. Goodwin School.

Dr. Bauchman stated the structure of that they are planning to move the 5<sup>th</sup> grade to the front of the hallway so they would be close to the front part of the building. The following year, there may be an opportunity to move the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade into that hallway and refill the empty part of that hallway. The school would also look at differentiation opportunities for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade as a lower middle school unit and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade as an upper middle school unit.

A discussion ensued regarding moving the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Goodwin School as well. Superintendent Perruccio stressed that all ideas can continue to be discussed and researched. The configuration of our schools is not final and demographic shifts could lead to further discussion regarding the configuration of the schools in the future.

**Brodeur/Sultini**

**“Move to change the grade configuration of Kathleen E. Goodwin School to include Grade 4, beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year”**

**MOTION: CARRIED (6-0-1)**

**Board Member Baker opposed the motion.**

**III. REMINDERS**

- OSHS – PAC Meeting – March 13 – 6:00PM
- OSHS – PTO Meeting – March 13 – 7:00PM
- OSHS – Spring Musical – March 14-16 – 7:30PM
- Policy Committee Meeting – March 19 – 6:00PM
- Public Budget Hearing – March 19 – 7:00PM
- KGS – Science Day– March 22
- OSHS Wellness Week – March 25
- District – Board of Education Meeting – March 26 – 7:00PM

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Baker/Brodeur**

**“Move to adjourn at 6:47PM”**

**MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)**

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Karen Brodeur, Secretary  
Old Saybrook Board of Education

Minutes recorded and typed by:  
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\*DRAFT - Subject to approval at the next BOE meeting